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For : BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP METHOD FOR OBTAINING  
AND USING HAPLOTYPE DATA

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to the calculation of fees, please amend the above-referenced application, filed herewith, as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

*In the claims:*

Cancel claims 1-183.

Add the following new claims:

184. (new) A method for members of a business partnership, which comprises at least a first business partner and a second business partner, to determine correlations between haplotypes or haplotype pairs, or both, and clinical responses to a drug or drug candidate, characterized in that:

(a) the second business partner conveys to the first business partner the identity of one or more candidate genes selected from the group consisting of: genes that encode proteins that are known to play a role in the clinical response of a patient to the drug or drug candidate, and genes that encode proteins that are suspected to play